

Your Kingdom Grows

Read Mark 4:1-32

Father, You choose to work through growth.

Growth is woven into the fabric of Your creation.

Your own Son made Himself part of this creation and shared its growth:

The child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on Him. (Luke 2:40, NASB)

Your Son came bringing Your Kingdom, and

like every other living thing in this creation,

it would start small and grow.

“The kingdom of God...is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants.” (Mark 4:30-32, NIV)

The seed of Your Kingdom is powerful and fruitful.

In some ways it seems to grow all on its own.

“This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain – first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.” (Mark 4:26-29, NIV)

But the soil must receive the seed.

The soil must allow the seed to take root.

The soil must not allow fruitless weeds to choke out the powerful, fruitful, life-giving seed.

“These are the ones who have heard the word, but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.” (Mark 4:18-19, NASB)

O Father, You have sowed Your gracious word in the soil of my heart.

I joyfully receive it!

I will give it room to grow.

I will give it priority in my heart, knowing that as I do,

it will grow and bear all the beautiful fruit of

Your life, Your love, and Your holiness in me.

Praise to You!

Hymn: [Hidden Treasure](#)